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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1-10. (Canceled)

(11) 11. (Currently Amended) A computer network-based method for facilitating commerce at an internet-based auction, the method comprising:

authorizing a first seller participant to post, using a computer system associated with the seller participant, an item for auction at an internet auction site;

receiving, at a communication handler program executing on a host computer system, information from the first seller participant's computer system about an the item to be auctioned, the received information including a designation of a category, selected by the seller participant from a list of categories, categories displayed on the seller participant's computer system, under which the item is to be auctioned;

b' processing the received information at the host computer system into a presentation format with a database-to-presentation format formatting program, the presentation format including an indication of the category of the item to be auctioned;

presenting the presentation formatted information to a plurality of internet participants; and

receiving at the host computer system at least one bid for the auctioned item from at least one of the internet participants.

(11) 12. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 11 further comprising:

receiving at the host computer system payment information from the bidding internet participant.

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Bonds — 13. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 11 further comprising:

opening an auction process to the plurality of internet participants; and

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automatically closing the auction process to the internet participants based on a predetermined condition.

(14) 14. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 11 further comprising:
receiving the bid for the auctioned item via a world-wide web page server
interface.

b' (10) 15. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 12 further comprising:
receiving payment information from the bidding participant, the received payment
information being associated with the received bid.

(12) 16. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 11 further comprising:
wherein the payment information received from the bidding internet participant
includes information identifying a credit card account, and further comprising passing the credit
card account information to a clearinghouse and receiving authorization from the clearinghouse
that payment with the credit card has cleared.

(43) 17. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 11 further comprising:
receiving payment information from the bidding participant;
clearing the payment information and transferring legal ownership of the item to
the bidding participant.